

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**MEETING DATE:** March 21, 2022

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Forest Preservation Management Plan update

### **PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

An original Forest Preservation Management Plan was authored in 2002.

#### **RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Motion to adopt the revised Forest Preservation Management Plan.

#### **COMMENTS:**

In 2002, the Arbor Committee aided in developing a Forest Preservation Management Plan, which has been utilized to guide preservation and maintenance activities within the city's two Forest Preservation Areas. Activities mainly pertain to the management of invasive species, restoring prairie areas, maintaining a woodchip trail, and providing other best management practices that work to preserve this valuable resource.

The Arbor Committee and the Community and Economic Development Department worked together to review the Forest Preservation Management Plan and updated it based on various advances and actions that have occurred in the past 20 years. Staff is requesting that the City Council move to adopt the revised document.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Forest Preservation Management Plan